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Dear Hal,

The fine person who got and gave me this machine, that will be my backup and that I have to get used to, Bill Mills, of Highson, CA, some time ago asked to read the original ms. of Case Open. I had a single-spaced printout made, by mistake single-spaced, and on perforated paper I promised him. Then when I learned the work you and Doug are doing and believed that poor as it is you may be able to use it I asked him to make a copy so that you can have it. He will do that after he is back in CA and will be in touch with you about getting it to you or will send it to you. You can then decide whether to make a copy for Doug. You'll miss a little where the perforations are, I regret.

Somehow the volume on your call from the airport was exceptionally high on the speakerphone and it blasted enough so I could not understand some of it. But Joe Bachus was here and he told me that you had testified to the Oswald security clearance in Dallas last year. As I understood you, you said you spoke to Tunheim about it last week. And that he seemed to be interested. I've not heard from him on it and will be surprised if I do. I think that, too, gives us a reading on them. As do the recently released "new" records that Joe tells me with the restoration of the redactions still have nothing new in them. Joe has followed them more closely than I and he could not think of a single newly-released page that relates to the assassination itself.

I was sent the USA Today puff story on Newman and on Carver Gayton, what Newman claims is new and his "discovery." It was new-in 1970, when Gayton was in touch with me through a man who rented a room or an apartment from him, Jim Gochenaur. When Gayton would not talk to me himself and when Gochenaur could come up with no confirmation I broke off the next year. But I had been in touch with Jim Schmidt on that and I think sent copies to Hoch. So even that is not new.

I ma glad to have this machine as a backup for my Hermes, which I cannot get repaired but it sure takes me much longer to use it. Old dogs and new tricks!

Glad you could come. Hope you found something worthwhile at COPA and look forward to what you can tell me when you have the time.

I was surprised when Doug told me about the award. Judge had written me about it but the letter was address "Dear friend" and was with the COPA program so I assumed it was a form letter with the program, skimmed the program and took no further time for it. I hope the few words he asked me to tape were OK. I was surprised by it. Thanks and best,

Hal